REMARKS

Claims 1-3 have been canceled to allow prosecution of claims 4 and 5. New claims 6-11 have been added to more particularly define the invention

With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 09/960,380,

Applicant hereby incorporates the claim of priority from Japanese Application 2000-300281 filed on September 29, 2000, and claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The prior application is assigned of record to NEC Electronics Corporation at Reel 013795 and Frame 0722.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,

Fredric J. Zimmerman, Esq.

Registration No.: 48,747

Date: 9/12/03 McGinn & Gibb, PLLC

Intellectual Property Law

8321 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200

Vienna, Virginia 22182-3817

(703) 761-4100

Customer No. 21254